



SOLDIERS CREED

I am an American Soldier.
I am a warrior and a member of a team.
I serve the people of the United States
and live the Army Values.

**WARRIOR
ETHOS**

I WILL ALWAYS PLACE THE MISSION FIRST.
I WILL NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT.
I WILL NEVER QUIT.
I WILL NEVER LEAVE A FALLEN COMRADE.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained
and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.
I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.
I am an expert and a professional.
I stand ready to deploy, engage and destroy
the enemies of the United States of America in
close combat.
I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.
I am an American Soldier.

THE ARMY VALUES

Loyalty	Honor
Duty	Integrity
Respect	Personal Courage
Selfless Service	



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There are many programs and
organizations that honor our Soldiers'
service and provide support to them and
their families. Here are but a few:

AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU
<http://www.americasupportsyou.mil>

OPERATION TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM
<http://www4.army.mil/otf/indexflash.php>

FREEDOM TEAM SALUTE
<http://www.freedomteamsalute.com>

ARMY FAMILIES ONLINE
<http://www.armyfamiliesonline.org>

U.S. ARMY WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM
<http://www.aw2.army.mil/>

**NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU
FAMILY PROGRAM**
<http://www.guardfamily.org>

THE MILITARY FAMILY NETWORK
<http://www.emilitary.org>

LETTERS FROM HOME
<http://www.lettersfromhomeprogram.org>

**TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR SURVIVORS (TAPS)**
<http://www.taps.org>



CALL TO DUTY
BOOTS ON THE GROUND



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WE CAN ALL ANSWER

Our Soldiers through their service and sacrifice:

"These men and women are willing to give more than they take, to be part of something that is bigger than they are, and to be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with people they can trust, who have the same values, whose integrity they can trust, and understand that they too are giving more than they are getting. We call it service for a reason."

General Peter J. Schoomaker
Army Chief of Staff

Our Families through their unwavering support of their loved ones who are in harm's way:

"It's difficult to explain what it's like to watch your husband tuck your children into bed one last time and to have one last kiss before he walks out the door and into a combat zone...it's such a desperate, helpless feeling."

Lori Mitchell

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CALL TO DUTY

Our founding fathers – men like Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, and George Washington – understood that unless security is guaranteed by a strong and capable military, liberty and democracy cannot long endure. This recognition was evident in the birth of the Army in 1775 before the birth of the Nation in 1776. They knew that the former was a prerequisite for the latter. It was also clear that if the Nation is to thrive and prosper, people must be willing to serve in uniform.

Americans answered the Call to Duty then and have done so in every war since. From the Battle of Yorktown to Saint Mihiel, from the beaches of Normandy to the mountains of Korea, from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan, Soldiers have demonstrated unmatched courage, tenacity, compassion, and commitment – and a willingness to sacrifice to accomplish any mission, no matter how difficult or daunting.

The Call to Duty continues to ring loudly, in what might be the most dangerous period of United States history in generations. Those answering the Call come from all across America – from small towns and large cities, from distant, rural farms and busy metropolises. Their startlingly diverse backgrounds and skills are matched by their remarkable shared sense of duty. Every Soldier in uniform is a volunteer who reflects the nobility of selfless service.



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Given the magnitude of the commitment the young men and women are making when they raise their right hand and take the oath of service, the decision to put "boots on the ground" signifies the ultimate commitment of the United States. It demonstrates the Nation's strong desire to defend freedom and further the cause of liberty. Soldiers, living the Army Values and imbued with the Warrior Ethos, are truly the ultimate instrument of national resolve.

It is essential that America sustains the capability to put boots on the ground, and the Army is diligently working to continue to provide relevant and ready Landpower in service to the Nation. Supported by dedicated Army civilians and resilient Army families, our Army continues to train and sustain an all-volunteer force, transform to meet current and future challenges, and improve its infrastructure to ensure the Army is able to execute its mission and protect America's sons and daughters as we face the challenges ahead.

Soldiers are the centerpiece of the Army.



Our Nation, which provides the capabilities:

"When America puts its boots on the ground, that is the ultimate statement of commitment."

General Peter J. Schoomaker, Army Chief of Staff

The American people who support our Soldiers by honoring their service and welcoming them home:

"Battles are won by the infantry, the armor, the artillery, and air teams, by Soldiers living in the rains and huddling in the snow. But wars are won by the great strength of a Nation – the Soldier and the civilian working together."

General of the Army Omar N. Bradley

Our Soldiers are honored to serve and appreciate your support:

"Freedom will endure! I'm currently deployed to Southwest Asia and I really appreciate the support of the proud American public. Keep the kind words coming. LET'S ROLL!"

MSgt Rick Velasquez Widefield, CO

